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THE MIGHTY AVENGERS®



And there came a day, a day unlike any other, when Earth's Mightiest Heroes found themselves united against a common threat! On that day, the Avengers were born, to fight the foes no single super hero could withstand!

THE MIGHTY AVENGERS

When mild-mannered Robert Reynolds took an experimental serum, it created a phase-shift in his molecules, giving Robert the amazing powers of a million exploding suns! As the Sentry, Robert recently rediscovered his purpose, though he battles with agoraphobia and schizophrenia every day.

Recently, the underground New Avengers and Tony Stark have discovered that the shape-shifting alien race known as the Skrulls has invaded the Earth. But since they cannot detect who is a Skrull, they cannot trust that anyone is who they seem to be. This has sent the Avengers into a tailspin of mistrust.

Today, a ship of Skrull origin has crash-landed in the Savage Land. Luke Cage's rogue New Avengers and Tony Stark's public Mighty Avengers team go to investigate. Luke opens the crashed ship, only to be met with a gathering of heroes from a more innocent time, who declare that they have been held captive by the Skrull Empire and have just now returned to Earth.

The invasion has begun.

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4 YEARS AGO.

THE SENTRY.

AAEEI!!

OH MAN, WHAT NOW?
CAN'T EVEN FLY FROM ONE SIDE OF THE CITY TO THE OTHER WITHOUT SOME--



SOMEBODY CALL SOMEBODY!

OKAY, OKAY HEY!

THERE'S NO NEED TO PANIC, PEOPLE!

YOU'RE NOT THOR!

SOMEONE CALL THOR!



JEEZ.

MAKE SOME MORE NOISE!

GUYS, GET THE CAR AND LET'S GET--



BAM BAM

THE VOID?

I-I THOUGHT I KILLED YOU.

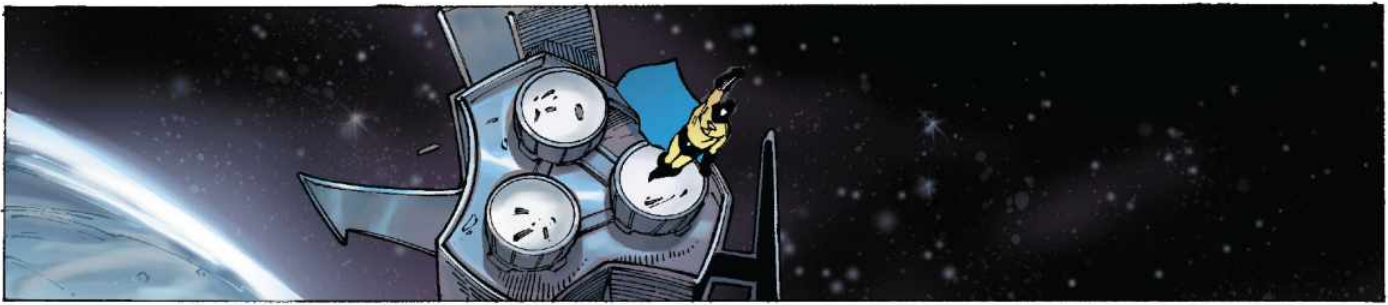


BAM BAM

AND I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU... YOU CAN'T.









I DIDN'T AAGGH!

YOU'RE OKAY, BOB.



REED?
I'M--

IN THE
BAXTER
BUILDING.

WE CAUGHT YOU
AFTER THE EXPLOSION
BUT BEFORE YOU MADE A
MESS OF PENNSYLVANIA
ON IMPACT.

WHAT
WAS THAT,
REED?



ALIENS.
SKRULL.

CRAZY
BASTACHES
ARE CRAZIER
DEN YOU.

THAT'S WHAT
A SKRULL LOOKS
LIKE?

WHEN
THEY HAVEN'T
SHIFTED
SHAPE, AS IS
THEIR WAY,
YES.



WHAT
WAS THAT?

THEY
GOT IT IN
FOR US, IS
WHAT.

BETWEEN
THIS,
THAT AND THE
KREE/SKRULL
WAR, THE SKRULL
ROYAL FAMILY
SEEMS TO HAVE
TAKEN QUITE A
DISLIKING TO
ME AND MY
FAMILY.

SO THEY
CAME ALL THE
WAY HERE FROM
OUT THERE TO
KILL THEMSELVES
KILLING YOU?

THEY HATE
US THAT



WELL, THERE'S BILLIONS OF SKRULLS ON DOZENS OF WORLDS...
THEY CAN'T ALL HATE ME.

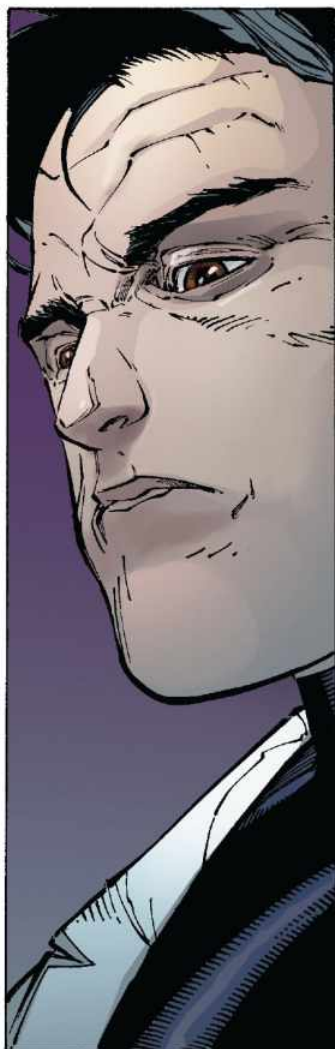
YOU
SAVED
THE CITY,
BOB.

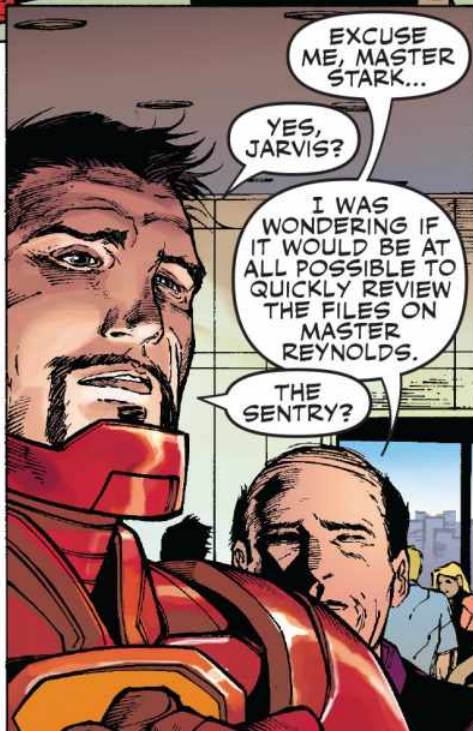
YOU TOOK
THE HIT RIGHT IN
THE FACE AND YOU
LIVED TO TELL
THE TALE.

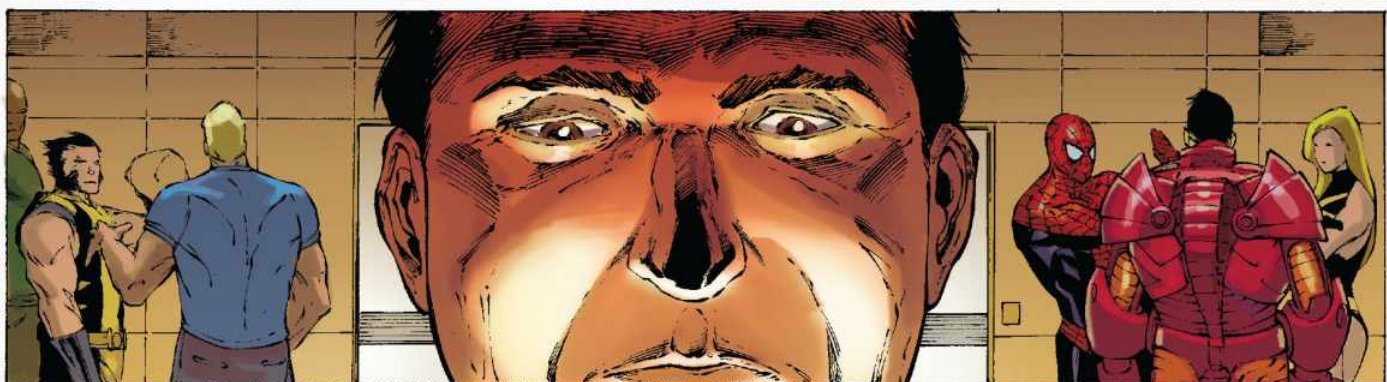
I'M OKAY,
THOUGH?

YOU'RE
OKAY.

HOW
ARE YOU









WHAT FRUSTRATES ME IS WE HAD NOT *ONE* WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY TO ELIMINATE THE SENTRY...

...WE HAD TWO.



BE THAT AS IT MAY... WHAT ARE OUR OPTIONS?

MY EMPRESS...NOW WE SIMPLY WAIT FOR HIM TO SELF-DESTRUCT.

AND HE WILL.

THAT'S YOUR PLAN?



WE HAVE DECIDED TO LET THE HULK SITUATION AND THE REGISTRATION ACT SITUATION COME TO A BOIL AND DO OUR WORK FOR US...

I'M SAYING TO YOU THAT *ANYTHING* COULD GET HIM TO SNAP...

CERTAINLY EITHER OF THOSE THINGS COULD.

I'M SAYING... LET THEM.

THE HUMANS ARE DOING OUR WORK FOR US. THOR IS GONE. THE WITCH IS GONE. DOCTOR STRANGE WILL BUCKLE...



YOU'RE WRONG ABOUT STRANGE.

YOU'LL SEE. HE'S AN ARROGANT MAGICIAN WHO COULD BE PUSHED TO ANY--

HE'S A PRACTICED SORCERER--

YOU'LL SEE.

THE SENTRY. WE'RE HERE TO TALK ABOUT THE SENTRY...

YES.



HE'S
GOING TO KILL
HIMSELF.

AND HE'S
GOING TO
TAKE OTHERS
WITH HIM.

I'M
NOT SPEAKING
COLORFULLY.

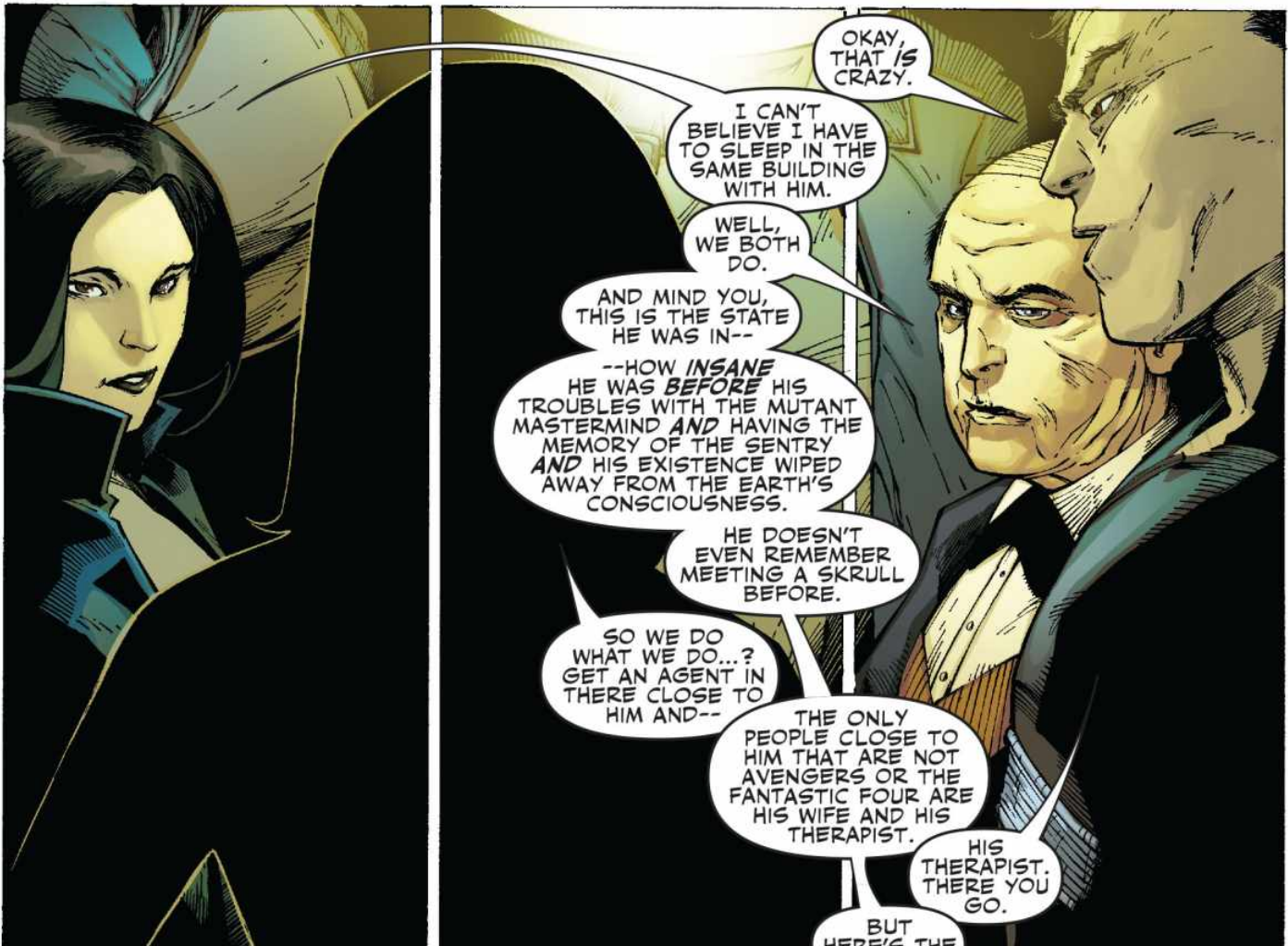
HE'S
MENTALLY
DISEASED.

HE
CREATED AN
ENTIRE OTHER BEING.
A SOMETIMES-HUMAN,
SOMETIMES-MONSTER,
SOMETIMES-PHANTOM,
THAT HE CALLS
THE VOID.

AND WHENEVER
THE SENTRY DOES
GOOD FOR PEOPLE,
THE VOID DOES THE
OPPOSITE.

BUT
THEY'RE
BOTH
HIM.

HE
CREATED
THE VOID.
HE IS THE
VOID.



OKAY,
THAT IS
CRAZY.

I CAN'T
BELIEVE I HAVE
TO SLEEP IN THE
SAME BUILDING
WITH HIM.

WELL,
WE BOTH
DO.

AND MIND YOU,
THIS IS THE STATE
HE WAS IN--

--HOW **INSANE**
HE WAS **BEFORE** HIS
TROUBLES WITH THE MUTANT
MASTERMIND **AND** HAVING THE
MEMORY OF THE SENTRY
AND HIS EXISTENCE WIPED
AWAY FROM THE EARTH'S
CONSCIOUSNESS.

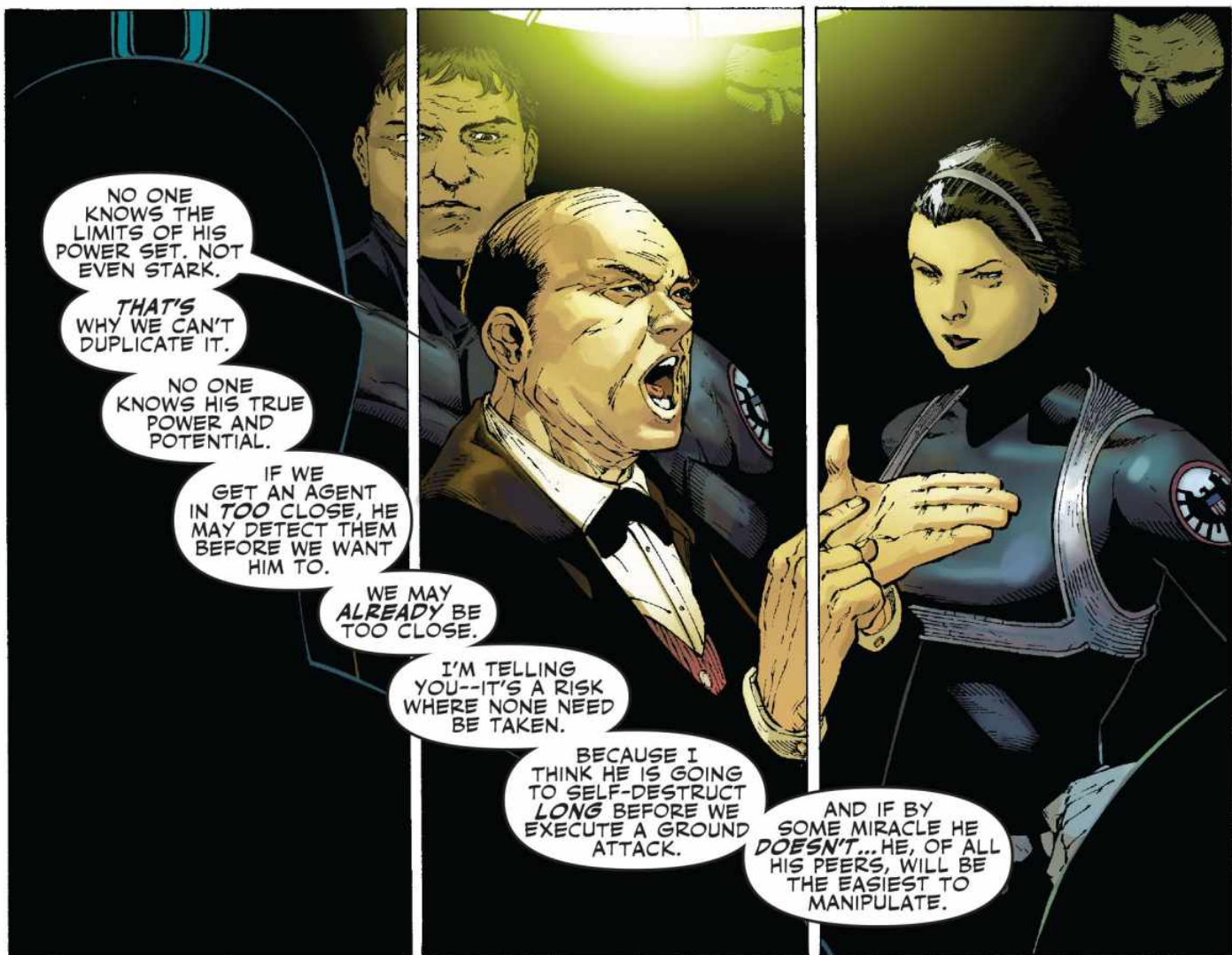
HE DOESN'T
EVEN REMEMBER
MEETING A SKRULL
BEFORE.

SO WE DO
WHAT WE DO...?
GET AN AGENT IN
THERE CLOSE TO
HIM AND--

THE ONLY
PEOPLE CLOSE TO
HIM THAT ARE NOT
AVENGERS OR THE
FANTASTIC FOUR ARE
HIS WIFE AND HIS
THERAPIST.

HIS
THERAPIST.
THERE YOU
GO.

BUT
HERE'S THE



NO ONE KNOWS THE LIMITS OF HIS POWER SET. NOT EVEN STARK.

THAT'S WHY WE CAN'T DUPLICATE IT.

NO ONE KNOWS HIS TRUE POWER AND POTENTIAL.

IF WE GET AN AGENT IN *TOO* CLOSE, HE MAY DETECT THEM BEFORE WE WANT HIM TO.

WE MAY *ALREADY* BE TOO CLOSE.

I'M TELLING YOU--IT'S A RISK WHERE NONE NEED BE TAKEN.

BECAUSE I THINK HE IS GOING TO SELF-DESTRUCT *LONG* BEFORE WE EXECUTE A GROUND ATTACK.

AND IF BY SOME MIRACLE HE *DOESN'T*... HE, OF ALL HIS PEERS, WILL BE THE EASIEST TO MANIPULATE.



ALL ONE WOULD HAVE TO DO IS SHAPESHIFT INTO THE VOID.

TELL HIM THAT HE, THE SENTRY, HAS LAUNCHED THIS ENTIRE ATTACK WITH HIS MIND OR WHAT HAVE YOU...

...THAT HE HAS *BETRAYED* HIS PEOPLE. THAT *HE* MADE THIS HAPPEN...

...AND THE ONLY WAY FOR HIM TO *STOP* THE SLAUGHTER OF HIS FRIENDS AND PLANET IS TO HURL HIMSELF INTO THIS SYSTEM'S STAR AND END HIS LIFE.



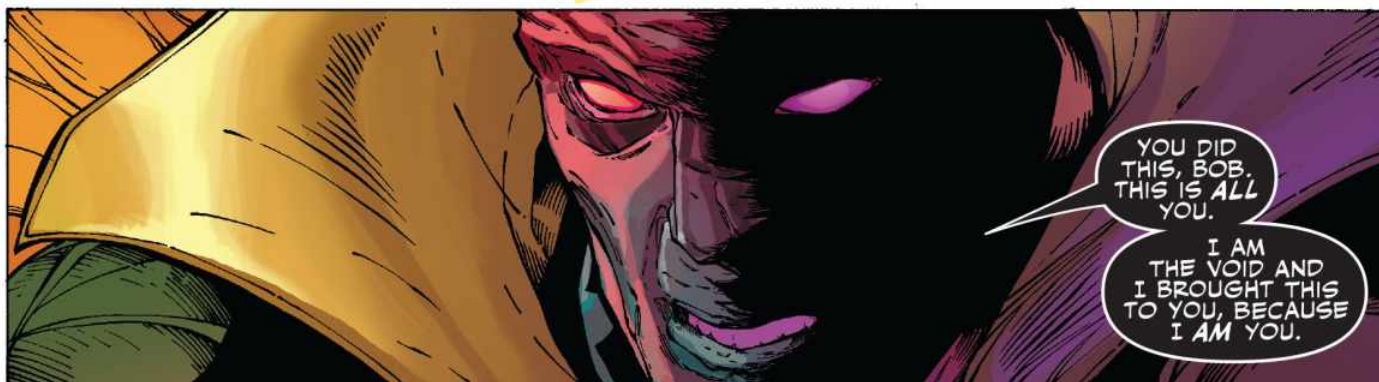
AND IF *THAT* DOESN'T WORK?

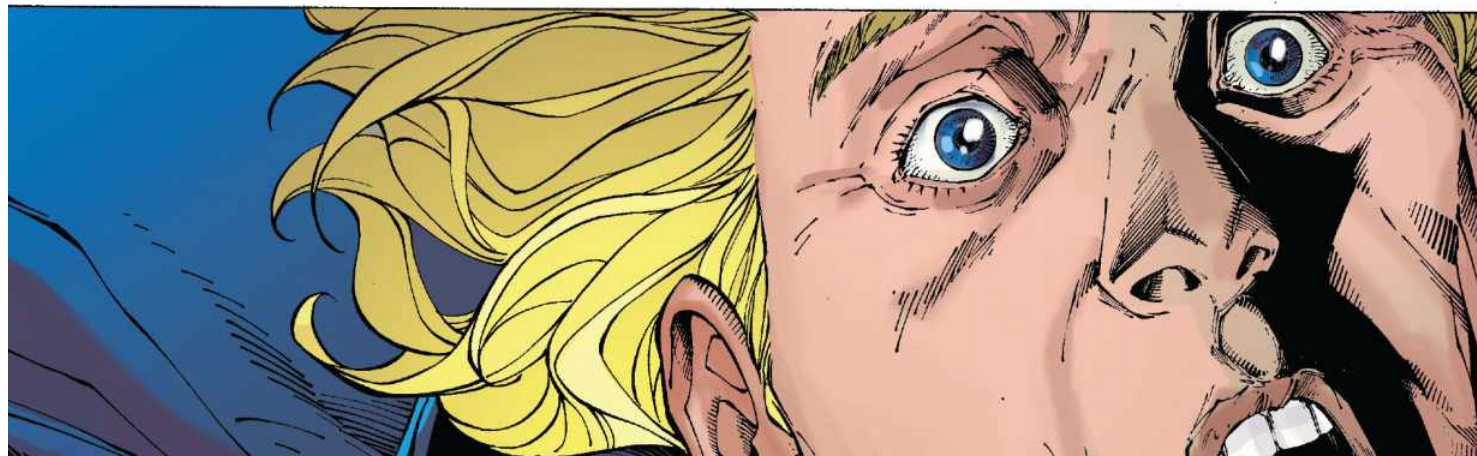
HE EITHER FALLS INTO A COMPLETE CATATONIC STATE OR HAS A MENTAL COLLAPSE AND KILLS EVERYONE INVOLVED. HIS FRIENDS AND US INCLUDED.

IF HE'S SUCH A RISK WHY DOES STARK KEEP HIM

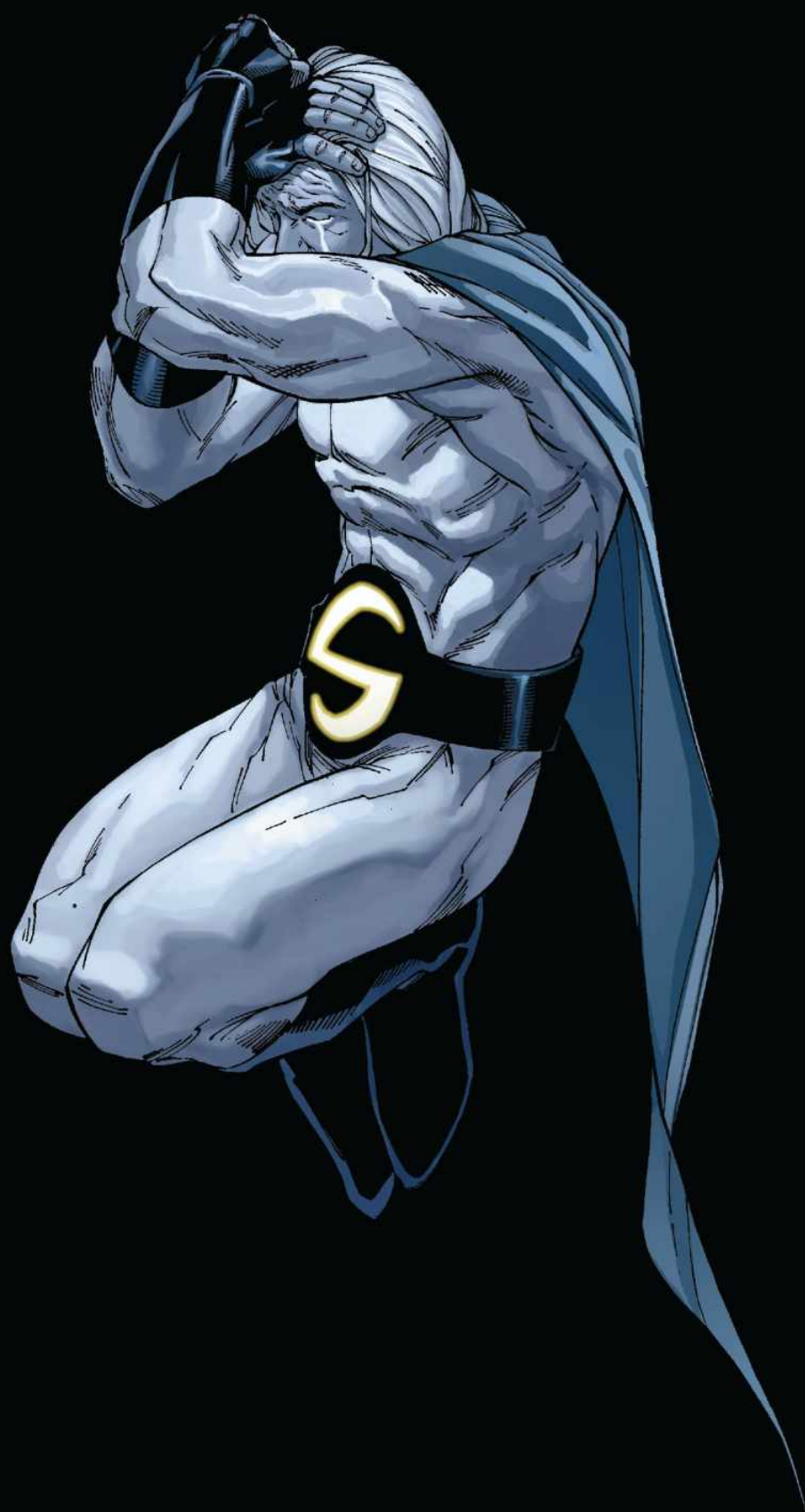














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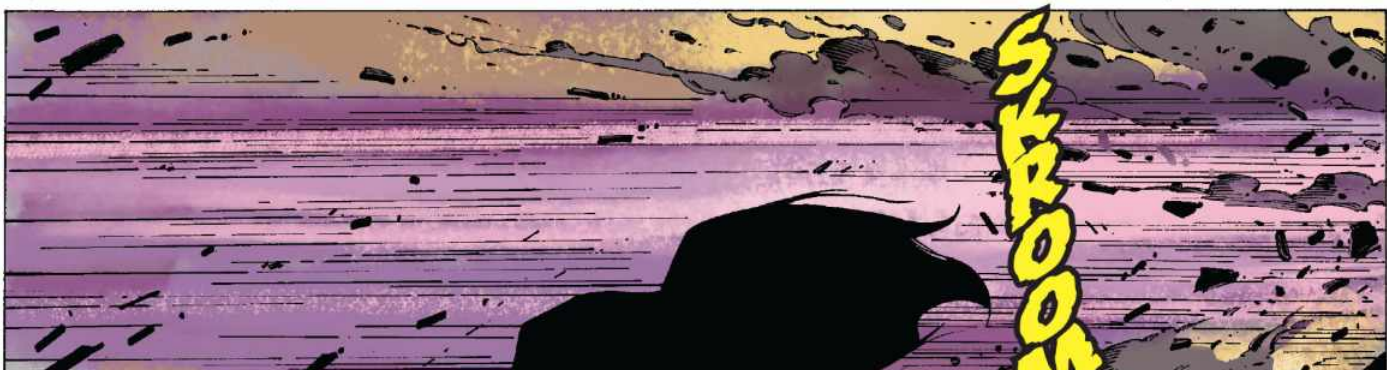


D-DO
YOU KNOW WHO
MY HUSBAND IS? DO
YOU KNOW WHERE
YOU ARE?



TOUCH ME
AND MY HUSBAND
WILL KILL YOU.

I'M NOT
EVEN A LITTLE
JOKING.



SMASH





NEXT ISSUE:
WHATEVER HAPPENED TO